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THE SUMMERHOUSE MURDER.

POLICE BELIEVE IT TO BE A DELIBERATELY-PLANNED CRIME

AN ARREST SAID TO BE IMMINENT.

SIZE OF BULLETS AND TYPE OF WEAPON USED DISCOVERED.

(From "The People" Special Correspondent.)

SEVENOAKS, Sat. night. Although the police have not yet arrested anyone in connection with the brutal murder of Mrs. Luard, whose body was discovered in the woods at Ighiteam, they have by no means given up hope of doing so, and before many more hours have elapsed, I have had a long conversation with Det.-Insp. Scott, of Southwark, who has charge of the police arrangements, under Col. Warde, the Chief Constable of Kent, and he has no information in his possession of such importance that he has hurried back to London in order to consult with his chiefs as to the next step to be taken.

This information may prove to be of an intensely sensational character, and should an arrest be followed upon the outcome would be followed with breathless interest throughout the length and breadth of the country. At present the connecting links are so slender that the police are unable to say that any definite move is made. The "Mysterious Cyclist." So far all the "clues" which have been made public have proved valueless. One of the latest was of a mysterious cyclist who had hurriedly left a hotel in Sevenoaks at which he had been staying just after the murder was discovered. I spent some time today in investigating this, and found that the cyclist in question could have no possible connection with the crime. He is the son of a clergyman, and travels for a London firm. The reason of his hurried departure was an urgent summons from his employers to return to town.

It is a significant fact that the police continue to search the immediate neighbourhood of the crime for a solution of the tragedy, and have not directed their attention further afield. What they particularly desire is some tangible clue on which to work. This up to the present has not been forthcoming. If the revolver could be found or a cartridge used in the perpetration of the deed a solution of the mystery might be speedily forthcoming.

It is, the police have little to say—upon which to work. As the result of a certain clue which came into their possession this morning, Insp. Scott, Sept. Taylor, and Det. Povey left Sevenoaks in a motor-car and drove up to the famous wicket and the police search of the summer-house, where the body of Mrs. Luard was found, and there had a long consultation. They then went down to the wood, following the first bloodhound trail and back on to the road, where they met another company of detectives. They again cut through the wood to the Casa, where they met young Mr. Wilkinson, who was every inch of the surrounding district and wood.

The detectives had a long consultation with Mr. Wilkinson, reading the lay of the district, and the possibility of any culprit remaining hidden. The detectives then decided, on Mr. Wilkinson's suggestion, to search the grass in the field adjoining the summer-house cut close and examined yard by yard for any possible trace of a revolver or Mrs. Luard's missing purse. Afterwards they walked along the footpath to the church, where they met the rector, the Rev. R. T. Winniford, with whom they also had a long conversation. The detectives' movements throughout were somewhat veiled in mystery. Afterwards they rejoined their motor-car, and drove off rapidly in the direction of Tonbridge.

Deliberately-Planned Crime. Although the nature of the information which caused these seemingly mysterious movements is in my possession, I am unable to make it public. The request of the police is that, in the present, remain a profound secret. I may state, however, that in my opinion the crime was carefully planned one, and not the "inspiration of the moment." The theory that the murder was committed by a tramp has been entirely dismissed by the detectives, who are now endeavouring to find what motive the murderer could have for killing an elderly and highly-esteemed lady beloved by all with whom she came in contact. The market value of the ring which was ruthlessly torn from the hands of the deceased would be insufficient, they argue, to prompt a murder for the sake of

robbery alone, and they are therefore compelled to seek for another motive. Herein lies their greatest difficulty.

THE BULLETS.

HOME OFFICE EXPERT'S IMPORTANT DISCOVERIES.

Stress having been laid in some quarters on the importance as a clue of the calibre of the bullets extracted from Mrs. Luard's head at the post-mortem examination, I sought the opinion of a member of a well-known firm of gun and rifle makers on the subject. The calibre of the bullets is .38, and on being told this the expert at once confirmed the opinion that it was useless. "Perfectly valueless," he said. "Why .38 is one of the commonest makes, and revolvers of that bore are manufactured in thousands by firms all over the world. Moreover, you get no indication of the size of the weapon. It might be a large or small, or practically any shape of pocket revolver. So far as I can see the scope of the inquiry is not narrowed one jot by this discovery."

The Type of Revolver. On the other hand, Mr. Churchill, the Home Office gun expert in London, to whom the fatal bullets were submitted for examination, has definitely informed the police of the name of the manufacturer of the cartridge, but as the firm in question sells through agents in all parts of the world, it is hardly likely that the purchaser will be able to be traced. I am also in a position to state that Mr. Churchill has discovered the exact type of weapon used by the murderous assailant in his attack on Mrs. Luard. He is also able to gauge fairly correctly the distance at which the murderer was from his victim when the shot was fired.

How Many Shots? It would not serve the end of justice if I were to make public these important details. With regard to the distance, I may state, however, that it confirms the medical evidence given at the inquest. Then as to the number of shots fired. Was it two or three? Much may hang on the answer. Mrs. Wickham says she heard three, two of which were clear and distinct, while the other was dull and muffled. What caused the difference? Was one bullet fired from the inside of the little chalet, and was that the bullet that missed the victim? The last suggestion seems feasible at first, but the police search of the summer-house showed no signs of anyone having been there recently. Another suggestion—one which the police at present hold—is that only two bullets were fired, the third being simply the echo of the second. In considering this it must be remembered that the acoustic properties of the building are peculiar. If the first shot was fired from the open, and the second when the assailant was under the chalet, this might explain why only one echo was heard. The police hold that it does.

Difficulties of the Police. With the exception of the important clue previously referred to, the police have little to work upon in their search for the author of the terrible crime. They have, as is perhaps natural, certain suspicions, which they believe to be well-founded, but as was pointed out to me this afternoon by the police themselves, they have no tangible clue at present which would support them in arresting any of the parties concerned. Should any of the missing rings turn up, it might place an entirely different construction on the crime. In connection with this I may point out that so far the inquiry has failed to disclose

The rings taken from the fingers of the dead woman. The revolver with which she was shot. The bloodstain with which it is alleged she was previously hit. The empty cartridge cases. The missing woman's purse.

Found a Collar Stud. In view of the few clues in the possession of the police it may be mentioned that Supt. Taylor discovered, while in conversation with Det. Scott, at the little chalet in the woods, a man's collar stud. He was on the balcony, standing almost exactly on the spot where the murdered woman's body was found, when something glittering in the bracken on the edge caught his eye. Upon examination this turned out to be a collar stud—an ordinary one, such as are sold by

the street hawk. It was partly caked with a dark substance, which was thought to be blood, but subsequently found to be mud. It is feared that this "clue" will not help them to any extent, but, nevertheless, the stud remains, for the time being, in the hands of the police.

New Witnesses. New witnesses have to-day come forward in the shape of two wood-cutters who were working only two fields away from the scene of the crime at the time of the murder. They heard the two shots, but their information is important as throwing further light on the manner in which Mrs. Luard met her death. They state that prior to hearing the shots they heard a squeal, like that of a rabbit which had been seized by a weasel. It was only after hearing the shot which followed almost immediately that they came to the conclusion that they were a wrong one. Even then they thought the shot was fired by a sportsman in the wood.

They should at the time attach but little importance to the noise of a weasel. "They—men who have spent a long life in the open air—are used to hearing weird noises. Anyone living in this—one of the most wild and thinly populated parts of the south-eastern counties—marks the squeal of a rabbit, the howl of an owl, or the noise of a gun. They are everyday incidents, and call for no comment from the hardy sons of the land."

Significance of the Shots. Recently, I am informed, several people have been shooting in the neighbourhood, and this, may be, explains why Mrs. Wickham—whose evidence at the inquest I have previously reported—paid but little attention at the time when they were fired.

It was only when the dread meaning of these reports, which sounded so clearly in the still air of the countryside, was brought home to her by the news of the appalling tragedy that she recalled their real significance.

Brought up from childhood in the open country, gun-firing meant little or nothing to her and so it was with these wood-cutters. Now, however, they see what it means, what import may hang upon their evidence. I am reliably informed that their evidence will confirm that of Mrs. Wickham in several important particulars. It may lead the police nearer to the murderer; it may, in fact, supply a missing link in the chain of evidence—a chain at present very slight—and prevent another brutal crime from being added to that already long list of unsolved murder mysteries.

Met the General. In the course of my inquiries to-day I met and had a brief chat with a man who met the General on the fatal afternoon, just after he had parted with his wife. It was about 3.50, five minutes after the murder, and the General was then walking fast in the direction of the golf house, on the time of course, the General was unaware of the appalling tragedy, which caused him never to meet his wife again in the living. The gentleman in question is Mr. Darrant, of Holmedale Brewery, Sevenoaks, and he says that he met the General in Hall Hill, which is about midway between the chalet and the golf house.

THE BLOODHOUNDS.

MAJ. RICHARDSON EXPLAINS WHY THEY FAILED.

Maj. Richardson writes as follows: "Owing to one or two inaccurate statements in some of the newspaper accounts of my bloodhounds' hunt at Sevenoaks, I should be much obliged if you would kindly publish this letter in view of future emergency of the same kind. It has been represented that one of the difficulties of the situation was that there was no article left belonging to the murderer from which to take a scent. This is not necessary on the system on which I train my dogs. If the police will use more despatch in sending for the dogs, and cover up the start of any supposed trail, good work may be done in the interests of justice by bloodhounds. Also it is useless to send for any bloodhound that may happen to be in a neighbourhood, unless specially trained for police work. The ordinary trained bloodhound is useless for the purpose, and

needs a special and arduous training in order to be of use to the police.

Called in Two Lads. I would also mention that I was not in any way eager to go to the scene of the Sevenoaks murder, on account of the time which had elapsed before they sent for me, and it was only after receiving two wires that I consented to do so; but at the same time, owing to the nature of the ground, which, being covered with bracken, held the bloodstained scent of the murderer's footsteps, there was undoubtedly a definite trail, though a very cold one, which my dog Solferino three times traced leading down to the high road. The police told me that it ran over the ground on which were the only evidences of any person's passage after the murder. Of course, it was now too late to follow the trail along the road, which I think called the night of the crime I think some useful work could have been done."

(Full details of the murder, together with photographs, will be found on Page 2.)

INTERNATIONAL PEACE.

LABOUR LEADER ON ALARMIST RUMOURS.

Speaking at Strand last evening Mr. A. Henderson, M.P., said that first and foremost the Labour programme stood for international peace. Dealing with the alarmist rumours, also the possibility of an Anglo-German conflict, he regretted that the monopoly of such rumours had not been left to the Press which was outside the Labour and Socialist movement. He asserted that the opinions expressed in no way represented the Labour movement, which he said was not a party of the community from a Continental war. The leaders who were departing from the high ideals of peace were guilty of the betrayal of the highest interests of the British democracy.

SOUTHWARK PARK.

OPENING OF THE NEW LAKE.

The newly constructed lake in Southwark Park was opened yesterday afternoon by Mr. V. Herbert Turner, chairman of the Parks and Open Spaces Committee of the L.C.C. A very large number of residents of Southwark and district were present. The lake covers an area of 2½ acres, and has a capacity for two million gallons of water. The labour for the construction of the lake was supplied by the Central Unemployed Body for London, and the material by the L.C.C. The lake cost £2,000, of which £4,000 was expended on labour. There are 10 double sculling boats and 20 skiffs provided.

ACCIDENT TO A BARONET.

Maj. Sir Henry Midway has met with a rather serious riding accident at his Hampshire residence, Begmore Field Park, Winchester. Sir Henry was riding a cob when the animal stumbled, with the result that his rider was thrown heavily, breaking his collar-bone and injuring his ribs. He is confined to his room, but is making good progress towards recovery.

H.M.S. DEFENCE.

The new armoured cruiser Defence, built at Pembroke Dockyard, returned to Plymouth Sound last night, on completion of her steam trials in the Channel at one-fifth power. The trial was reported to have been satisfactory. Next week the cruiser will proceed on another 30 hours' steam trial at four-fifths power and an eight hours full power trial.

EXCITING INCIDENTS.

Two exciting incidents occurred at the Dollis Hill Swimming Baths last night, whilst the tank which was being taken place. Two girls collided in the water, and, being stunned, immediately sank. The judge and the starter went to their rescue, and eventually brought them out in an exhausted condition. Half an hour later, owing to the collapse of a temporary staging, some officials were thrown into deep water. They were rescued with difficulty.

A NEW CRUISER.

A Devonport telegram states that the new cruiser Defence, built at Pembroke, returned to Plymouth Sound yesterday on completion of her 30 hours' steam trial, which, it is stated, was satisfactory.

LICENSING BILL.

THE COMING HYDE PARK DEMONSTRATION.

Preparations are well in hand (says an official of the National Trades Defence Association) for the demonstration to be held in Hyde Park on Sunday, Sept. 27, in opposition to the Licensing Bill. Applications for tickets amounting to about 40,000 have already been received from the province, and it is anticipated that a enormous number of Londoners will be present, making the demonstration one of the largest ever held in Hyde Park. Large detachments are expected from the North and Midlands, and already about 100 special trains have been arranged for. They will begin to arrive at the various termini about 12 o'clock, and will be marshalled into processions for the march to Hyde Park. Enthusiasts arriving at King's Cross, Euston, and St. Pancras will be formed into processions in Euston-rd., and detachments will also muster at Marylebone, St. John's, Paddington, Victoria, and other points. The London processions will start from Chelsea and Victoria Embankments, Trafalgar-sq., Kilburn, and Kensington.

Working Men Speakers.

Speaking will begin at 4.30. There will be 20 platforms, and it is hoped to make them representative of various districts. Thus Lancashire and Yorkshire will have three platforms each and London and the Home and Southern Counties a like number. Several members of Parliament have promised to be present, and the speakers will also include numerous working men. Each platform will have a chairman and three or four speakers, and at 5.15 a resolution condemning the Bill will be put simultaneously from the 20 platforms. At 6.15 the speakers will meet in connection with the forthcoming licensing demonstration in London, it was demonstrated from returns received that Burton would send to Hyde Park 4,000 representatives. Of this number, it was stated, Ben. Ratcliff, and Greville would contribute 1,000.

A Practical Protest.

Messrs. Ash and Co., brewers, Canterbury, have replied as follows to a request from Mr. L. A. Brett, secretary of the Folkstone League, for a demonstration towards the police, etc. "Owing to the extreme attitude adopted by the licensing justices, towards us in particular, in refusing the renewal of the license to so many of our houses in Folkstone, we are left with no alternative but to decline to continue all our subscriptions. No one can possibly regret this more than we do. Had the refusal been really for the true furtherance of temperance, perhaps nothing could have been said, but instead of the advancing of the cause the reverse effect has been the result all over the country. By shutting up houses that are really required (and this is shown by the trade done), you simply concentrate the trade, and the more this is done the greater becomes the incentive to drink."

Confiscation and Robbery.

Yesterday the Marquis of Londonderry, speaking at a Primrose League demonstration at Weymouth Park, Stockton-on-Tees, said both the Education and the Licensing Bills were based on principles of confiscation and robbery. If the Government had been guided by an honest and fair Bill to promote temperance it would have received the hearty support of all classes, but the present licensing measure was not calculated to do this. It was introduced solely for the purpose of attacking the brewers. Such confiscatory legislation only commended itself to the Socialist party, who wished to attack capital. Socialism would never be tolerated in this country. Socialistic legislation was being handled through in a manner derogatory to the House of Commons. Lord Hugh Cecil said the decision of the past defeat had passed away, and the Unionist party could anticipate the success of its principles in the future.

BARNET FAIR.

Barnet Fair opens next Friday, and will be continued on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 3 and 7. Friday and Saturday are for business and Monday for pleasure.

LATEST FOREIGN TELEGRAMS.

AMERICAN FLEET.

A POPULAR RECEPTION AT MELBOURNE.

Melbourne, Saturday.—The United States Fleet anchored here this afternoon, being welcomed by ringing cheers from the shore and pleasure craft as it sailed up the bay. Thousands of visitors and residents were on Queen's Cliffe, and these vied with the men on the fishing-boats in welcoming the vessels as they passed. The shores at Portsea, Sorrento, and Dromana, were black with people, and the water alive with craft of all kinds, while motor cars on shore kept pace with the fleet. Steamers from Melbourne, conveying the Federal Ministers and officials and other prominent persons met the visitors in the Bay, and escorted them to their quarters. The cruiser Hancock, the flagship of Vice-Admiral Sir Richard Poore, the cruiser Challenger, and the cruiser Psyche, with the Australian ironclads Cerberus and Protector, are anchored close by, and the American ships exchanged salutes with them. A hundred Volunteer Naval Cadets marched from Ballarat to Melbourne in four days to participate in the welcome. The weather is brilliant.—Reuter.

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FIVE HUNDRED SUITORS.

BUT ONE WAS ALREADY MARRIED.
New York, Saturday.—An amusing story is published in this morning's papers from Duluth, Minnesota. It appears that for some time past a certain Mrs. Rowe has been holding land in the district in such a position that her property has become very valuable owing to the fact that it is required for the opening of certain reserved lands. As a result of the reports which have been circulated regarding her anticipations, the lady has received no fewer than 500 offers of marriage from men in all parts of the country who had been led to believe that the holder of the land was either unmarried or a widow. As a matter of fact, however, Mrs. Rowe has been merely holding the place for her husband, from whom she has been separated by business considerations, and the authors have therefore been disappointed.—Central News.

KAISER AT STRASSBURG.

Strasbourg, Saturday.—Notwithstanding the fact which began to fall, the parade of the troops of the Strassburg garrison to-day was witnessed by large crowds, who enthusiastically cheered the Emperor and Empress. The troops having marched past once, the Emperor presented new colours to the colonels of the different regiments and addressed a few gracious words to the members of the veterans' associations. Shortly after 12 o'clock the Emperor returned to the city at the head of the colour company and standard squadron amid the cheers of the population. Among those present the parade were the King of Saxony, the Grand Duke of Baden, the Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, the Crown Prince and Princess, Prince and Princess Eitel Friedrich, and a large number of distinguished officers.—Reuter.

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FORECASTS OF THE WEATHER.

FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING MIDNIGHT (SUNDAY).
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4. IRELAND, N.
5. IRELAND, E.
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TRUNK MURDER.

LADY KILLED AND HER BODY CUT UP.

REVOLTING CONDUCT.

Details of a terrible crime, resembling in some respects that committed by the Goudis at Monte Carlo, comes from Marseilles. A few days ago, Louisa Elais Omais, an Armenian, aged 20, arrived there from South America, and put up at an hotel kept by a friend, Mme. Lulio. She confided her money, some £30, to Cesar Tasso, the hotel keeper's son-in-law, for him to get it changed into French money. As Tasso did not give her the money, after waiting two days, she went to his house to claim it. She was seen alive again. The other tenants in Tasso's house informed the police that there was an unbearable odour coming from his apartments. They forced the door, and discovered the horrible truth.

The Murderer Confesses. Almost at the same time Tasso, who had disappeared, went to the police commissary and gave himself up for Louisa's murder. He made a full confession, but the police are inclined to the belief that he had an accomplice. The money that the dead woman confided to Tasso he lost at cards after losing all his own money. His efforts to raise cash were in vain. When the woman came to him he was alone, his wife and children being away on holiday. He invited Louisa to the dining-room, and told her, by coming to him, she had saved him the trouble of making a journey to take the money to her. He pretended to go into another room to fetch the money, but while the unsuspecting victim was looking out of the window he sprang at her and strangled her. She offered very little resistance and made no sound.

Disposing of the Body. Then the murderer dragged the body into a corner of the room, locked the door, and went out to get some fresh air. He lunched with his mother-in-law at the hotel, and did not return to his home until late in the evening. He decided to dispose of the body by putting it in a trunk, but, unable to get it in, he took two razors and cut off the head of his victim; then he cut open the body and removed the entrails and the heart, and was then able to get the body in a trunk. "At this moment," he says, "I thought of the Goudis crime." He made a parcel of the head and other parts of the body, and put it in the kitchen left.

Attempted Suicide. Then he left the town and joined his wife and children, with whom he spent the week-end. He returned with the intention of disposing of the trunk and putting the parcel into the sea. The crowd in front of the house, however, made it clear that his crime had been discovered, and he therefore gave himself up to the police. After making his cynical confession he tried to shoot himself, but the revolver was snatched from him. The murderer, who is 25 years of age, is well-known in Marseilles, where he carried on the business of emigration agent, and speculated on the stock exchange. Mme. Lulio, the murderer's mother-in-law, is the mother of a well-known opera singer. Deceased's brother died in 1901 in mysterious circumstances, being found dead at his brother's residence on the morning of his intended departure by a passer from Marseilles. In 1900, it is stated, two Syrian merchants, who had a large amount of money with them, stayed at his house. Both of them died suddenly, and their money disappeared. The magistrate, it is said, will now make an inquiry.

The Tale That Was Told. Tasso was married to the sister of a tenor, M. Nuibo, who sings at the Paris Opera. From an authoritative source it is stated that he married her because he was afraid of the other members of the family. Mme. Nuibo keeps an hotel for emigrants at Marseilles. In 1895 she lost an interpreter, who had been her chief assistant in the business. Cesar Tasso then offered his services. He was an excellent linguist, knew Turkish, Arabic, Italian, French, Spanish, and English, and said that he was a native of Beyrouth, and that his father was a well-to-do merchant of that city. He had run away from home because his parents wished to oblige him to marry a cousin. He had travelled as a sailor, and when he related his adventures he used to amuse everyone at the hotel. Tasso, a young daughter of Mme. Nuibo, took a great fancy to him, and her mother, seeing the turn things were taking, was about to dismiss Tasso. But Jeannette, then only 17 years of age, insisted on marrying him, in spite of the protests of her mother and brothers.

Adventurers and Gamblers. Tasso's first business was to settle down to a quiet life, and devoted to his wife and children, and in a few years saved up a sum of £4,000, which he deposited in a bank. A few years ago, however, he took again to frequenting the society of adventurers and gamblers, and in a short time lost all he possessed. He was then reduced to borrowing, and lived from hand to mouth. His wife and children would have been left in complete poverty had it not been for the kindness of Mme. Nuibo. All the money that her son-in-law could procure was sent in gambling debts. There is an impression also that he may have been an accomplice. The murdered woman had stayed frequently at the hotel on her voyages to and from South America, and she had been quite a friend of Mme. Nuibo, who has been carrying on the same business for 48 years. There is, in fact, a question some years ago, a maid, between the daughter of Mme. Omais, the murdered woman, and a son of Mme. Nuibo, who lives at Beyrouth.

AS A WEEK FOR FOUR. A medal and £20 had been awarded to Mr. J. J. James, of Wellingborough, Northampton, in recognition of upwards of 50 years' service on the Walton estate of the Mordaunt family. James, who is 63, and commenced work at the estate under Sir Chas. Mordaunt, a wife and two children on the estate. The veteran is still hale and hearty, and often labours from dawn to sunset.

WORKADAY HEROES.

RECORDS IN POSTMEN'S PARK CLOISTERS.

If ever you need to remember that the age of chivalry is not yet dead, you should take a bus to the General Post Office. The building is, indeed, rather sedate than heroic, and the atmosphere encouraging to roving lancers, if you find birds chattering about grass and tree, a scrap of country in the swift whirl of the town to make a vestibule for a simple shrine of noble deeds. One of the most English of modern poets has sung the honour of lives "obscurely great." He who would understand the spirit of England must go not only to the temple of famous men at Westminster, but to the little red-roofed cloister in the Postmen's Park. In its midst, beneath the inscription, "The Utmost for the Highest," stands a statue of a bearded man with lofty brow, grave, long-robed, and below is written, "In Memoriam George Frederick Watts, who, desiring to honour heroic self-sacrifice, placed these records here." There is space upon the wall for nearly 150 tablets. Until last week only 24 places had been filled. The care of Mrs. Watts has now added another row of 22, and the names to fill two more tablets have been chosen.

Mr. Watts's Scheme. The first jubilee of Queen Victoria was the occasion of Mr. Watts's suggesting a national memorial to the good women who have lost their lives in saving life. He caused long researches to be made into the vast masses of newspapers in the British Museum, that such deeds might not be lost in obscurity. A national memorial still remains nothing more than the noble idea of the great artist, but a modest part of his conception Mr. Watts himself made actual. He built in that "Postmen's Park" by St. Botolph's, which covers the site of the burial-grounds of St. Botolph's itself, Christ Church, and St. Leonard's, the simple cloister, with its dark bench and beams, floor of brick, and roof of tile, where the lives of Londoners are enshrined. The first 24 tablets, many of which were in position before the painter's death, are of glazed white, bearing their simple inscriptions in dark blue letters. It would be hard to find material more pleasing in its effect or better adapted to withstand the ravages of the London atmosphere. The first act recorded is of the year 1863, the last in 1901.

The Full Record. The following is the full record of the names now "on the roll of honour": Ernest Berling, compositor, aged 22, upstair from a boat one dark night off Pimlico Pier, grasped an oar with one hand, supporting a woman with the other, but sank as she was rescued (Aug. 25, 1863). Thomas Simpson, died of exhaustion after saving many lives from the breaking ice at Highgate Ponds (Jan. 25, 1865). William Fisher, aged 9, lost his life in Rodney-rd., Waltham, while trying to save his little brother from being run over (July 12, 1866). George Frederick Simonds, of Islington, rushed into a burning house to save an aged widow, and died of his injuries (Dec. 1, 1866). Samuel Lowdell, barman, drowned when rescuing a boy at Blackfriars (Feb. 23, 1867). He had saved two other lives. Edward Blake, drowned while skating at the Welsh Harp, when, in the attempt to rescue two unknown girls (Feb. 5, 1868). Edward Morris, aged 10, bathing in the Grand Junction Canal, saved his life to help his sinking companion (Aug. 2, 1867). Godfrey Maule Nicholson, manager of a Stratford distillery, George Elliott, and Robert Underhill, workmen, successfully went down a well to rescue a comrade, and were poisoned by gas (July 12, 1901). Joseph Andrew Ford, aged 10, Metropolitan Fire Brigade, saved six persons from a fire in Gray's Inn-rd., but in his last heroic act he was scorched to death (Oct. 7, 1871).

George Kennedy, aged 19, died in trying to save his sister from her burning house, Stoke Newington (Oct. 15, 1871). Edmund Emery, of 272, Kings-rd., Chelsea, plunged into a burning house to rescue a child, and was drowned (July 31, 1874). William Donald, of Bayswater, aged 19, railway clerk, was drowned in his attempt to rescue a child from a dangerous entanglement of weed (July 16, 1876). Harry Slisley, of Kilburn, aged 10, drowned in attempting to save his brother after he himself had been rescued (May 24, 1878). James Hewers on Sept. 24, 1878, was killed by a train at Richmond while endeavouring to rescue a child from a burning house. George Blencowe, aged 18, when a friend bathing in the Lea cried for help, went to his rescue, and was drowned (Sept. 1, 1878). James Bannister, of Bow, aged 30, rushed over when an opposite shop caught fire, and was suffocated in the attempt to save a child (Oct. 18, 1878). Eliza Coghlan, aged 36, of Church-path, Stoke Newington, died saving her family and house by carrying blazing paraffin oil into the garden (Aug. 2, 1878). Arthur Rebus, carman, "Little Peter," aged 23, who with Alice Maud Denman, aged 27, died in trying to save her children from burning house in Leyton (April 30, 1892).

Arthur Strange, carman, of London, and Mark Tomlinson, on a desperate venture to save two girls from a quicksand, lost their lives themselves (Aug. 23, 1892). John Slade, private of 4th Batt. Royal Fusiliers, of Stepney, when his house caught fire, rushing upstairs to rescue others, lost his life (Dec. 20, 1902). John Clinton, of Waltham, aged 10, was drowned after an effort to save a playfellow who had fallen into the river.

LATEST BOER TREK.

Some particulars are to hand from Nairobi concerning the recent trek of Boers to the Wassin (Gushu) Plateau. It appears that the new arrivals number in all about 300 souls, or eighty heads of families, with adult sons and daughters and children. The impediments included 70 horses, 30 ox wagons, 10 Cape carts, fowls, cats, spare wagon tyres, forges, wagon wheels, and all the appurtenances for a trek settlement. The trekkers are almost solely Transvaalers of a class which may be termed the typical Boer farmer. Rifles and ammunition are plentiful among them, the type of firearm being mainly the Mauser. Together with the Boer families a number of Cape boys and Hottentot servants are included, and these again have brought their wives and families.

MR. WILSON'S SPOILING STUNT. Mrs. Wilson's spoiling stunt for her children while visiting with her mother-in-law, the child, called the game, slipped on a banana, and fell into the water.

FREE TRADE DOOMED.

U.S.A. AND ENGLAND'S FISCAL POLICY.

No country in the world, unless it be Germany, is watching with greater interest the rapid conversion of Great Britain to Tariff Reform than the United States. Next November that country will elect a new President to succeed Mr. Roosevelt, and the Republican candidate will be Mr. Taft, who it is anticipated will be an easy winner. He has declared in favour of a revision of the American tariff and speaks with great authority, for he is a much-travelled man, and for years has given great attention to the trend of fiscal affairs abroad. That trend, as shown in England, has immensely interested him. He is grateful to England, because it takes one-third of America's exports without a tariff, and because America's tax on English imports furnishes the source of much revenue; but he, like other American administrators, believes that the English will within three years realise that what is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander, or, in other words, that with the increasing national expenditure on our side, we must find increasing revenue, and consequently that Cobden's system must be revised.

Taking Time by the Forelock. English representatives of American firms, and the American consuls in England, have told him that Free Trade in England is doomed, and one of the many reasons which actuated him in advocating revision of the

tariff, according to his friends, is an earnest desire that the Republican party should take cognisance in good time of the changing fiscal conditions at home and abroad, and arrange accordingly. He wants to make a tariff of an elastic and varying character, a tariff to take account of the fiscal changes which he, in common with many other Americans, believes to be impending in England. It is true that all Republicans do not adopt Mr. Taft's views in that respect, but the most far-seeing politicians in the States recognise that with the abandonment of Cobden's system England will be in a better position to negotiate trade arrangements with America on the basis of reciprocity. Within the next three or four years it is believed that the entire fiscal system of the United States will be recast to meet the new conditions and requirements at home and abroad.

Free Trader's Secession.

Sir H. R. Fairbairn-Lucy, of Charlotte Park, Warwick, has sent a letter to the secretary of the Unionist Free Trade Club, withdrawing his name from the membership of the club. He says:—

I cannot but feel, after the Leader of the Opposition's speeches at Birmingham, and since in the House of Commons, that by continuing a member of the club one is retarding the work of the Unionist party, and helping to veil the true position of affairs. This has been brought home to me, on the one hand, by the great necessity there now is for a closer organisation of the Empire and her Colonies, and on the other hand, by the policy and political attitude of the Liberal party in the treatment of questions brought before it.

An old book was purchased from a shop in Shaftesbury-avenue for 1d., and the leaves were found to contain a list of names of the Unionist party, and the other from Lord Salisbury, in reply to an offer of correspondence on the subject of the Home Rule Bill.

order to clear it publicans used sinners consisting of a solution of isinglass, a perfectly legitimate thing to use according to the statute. The patent sinners which Stevens was offering for sale were not sinners at all but sugar solution to be added to beer for the purpose of disguising the distillation of it. Stevens represented to Mr. Young that he could dilute his beer heavily by putting in eight gallons of water to each hogshead, and by so doing make

A Profit of 25 Per Cent. Mr. Young refused to have anything to do with the matter. Later the matter was reported to the police. After Stevens had been fined on the Excise charges, in consequence of an information from the Bench, the authorities withdrew the remaining Excise charges against him, but on the understanding that there was a warrant issued, and that if the two Ives were arrested the authorities would be obliged to bring Stevens to the court. It was only recently that the Ives were arrested. There was no doubt, said Mr. Hawkins, that the business was one which was originally started by the Ives.—Evidence was given by Inland Revenue officials, who deposed that Stevens called upon publicans and offered the saccharine solution, and a public-house manager said he purchased a quantity of the solution from Edward Ives, whom he knew as Saunders.—One witness said that once, when he had premises at Walthamstow, he stored some tubs for Wm. Ives. The day after officers came and removed them. "Later Wm. Ives drove up with a van and I told him that the police had been and taken the tubs away, whereupon Ives had a good round swear, and said, 'This is no place for me,' and went off." (Laughter.)—Defendants were remanded on bail.

Sir Francis Sharp Powell, M.P., and Lady Powell of Howell Hill, Bradford, have just celebrated their diamond wedding. The parliamentary experience of Sir Francis goes back in the old days of pocket boroughs and hustings.

DILUTION OF BEER.

IMPORTANT CHARGE OF CONSPIRACY.

The Enfield magistrates resumed the hearing of the case in which three men were charged with conspiring to defraud the Revenue by diluting beer and collecting and inciting publicans to do the same. The defendants were Edward Ives, traveller; Wm. Ives, agent; and J. K. Stevens, traveller.—At the outset counsel for Stevens submitted that in 1906 his client was proceeded against and fined heavily. It was, he contended, manifestly unfair that he having expiated his offence then should now be proceeded against because the other two defendants had been arrested.—Chairman: Our view is that when he was dealt with two years ago the substantial fine was inflicted, and which he had difficulty in meeting, expiated all the offences he had committed.

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CHARITY FRAUD.

ALLEGATIONS AGAINST AN ORPHANAGE.

The hearing of the begging charge against Ellen and Kate Smith, mother and daughter, who since July 17 last have been collecting on Blackpool promenade for Pastor Housley's Home, was resumed at Blackpool. When the case was called charged were also preferred against Alfred Smith, secretary and manager of the orphanage. Messrs. Housley, Mary Housley, John Housley, Ed. Hilton, and Jno. Scott, for causing the girl to beg.—Smith was represented by Mr. Hinchcliffe, of Manchester, who said that if necessary he would ask permission to cross-examine any witnesses called for the prosecution. He would like to ask whether Insp. Jackson was in court.—Supt. Derham, Insp. Jackson is not Mr. Hinchcliffe, continuing, said that when the case was heard the previous Monday statements were circulated broadcast in all the newspapers that the institute was practically a fraud, that no balance-sheets had been published, that there were only nine children in the home, and that the whole business of the home, as stated by Insp. Jackson or the Chief Constable, was a fraud. I may say that neither the Chief Constable nor Insp. Jackson made any such statement.

A Big Commission. Mr. Hinchcliffe stated that what had been stated in court was not instructed, absolutely without foundation. The balance-sheets that had been audited by accountants of high standing in Manchester had been issued. The statements made had been many people to withdraw their subscriptions.—Supt. Derham, then informed the Bench that Mrs. Smith and her daughter were charged before that court with begging, by soliciting subscriptions for Pastor Housley's Home. The woman told him she received £1 a week as collector, and a commission of 15 to 30 per cent. if the subscriptions reached £500. Her daughter was engaged at half a crown a week. When Mrs. Smith was taken into custody, which showed that from July 17 to Aug. 15 the collections for the home reached £12 9s. 3d. Later, in the week she came to the office and produced a counterfoil of postal orders representing £6 17s. Mr. Hinchcliffe again objected. This was done to prejudice his client's case, and he preferred evidence from long rambling statements.

Different Titles.—Supt. Derham, I think I will be able to prove the case without any rambling statements. It would, he continued, have to be exposed. The Chief Constable was not going to have visitors imposed upon. The orphanage had been known as (1) Oak Bank Orphanage; (2) the United Christian Evangelistic and Social Mission; and (3) the Pioneer Christian Mission. Applications to the Chief Constable to make collections had been refused, and the girl was asked to desist. Since the remand many letters of complaint had been received. It was a huge fraud from beginning to end, for up to so recently as July 9 ten or twelve collections had been going about the country getting subscriptions for the home, which contained only nine children. Something like £200 per week was collected, and there were living at the home Housley, his brother, his wife, his son-in-law, Jno. Scott, and gas stoker E. Hilton.

One Stoker as President.

Det.-sergt. Morris, of the Salford police, said that the orphanage had been under his observation for 12 months, it having come to his knowledge that collectors were being sent broadcast all over the country. He had warned some of the collectors on raccourses and show grounds that the orphanage was run by one Geo. Housley.—The Chairman (Dr. Hardman) then asked Pastor Housley, "What is he pastor of?" Nothing good.—Mr. Doleman (another magistrate): Has he no church? No.—Hilton, the gas stoker, continued the detective, was styled the president, and Housley had been discharged from the Salvation Army for alleged mischief in recent years. When he left the home there were no children whatever in it. Since then a woman had been persuaded to send her children, who, it was stated, had been neglected. Hearing this the woman visited the orphanage, but could not get to see her children.—Supt. Derham, then asked the witness, "What was the name of the woman?" Mr. Hinchcliffe objected, saying that was being done to hunt all over the country for information about Smith.—A remand was granted.

RULE BRITANNIA!

RETURNS SHOWING STRENGTH OF NAVIES OF THE WORLD. In view of the discussions of naval policy which have been engaging the attention of statesmen and politicians both in this country and on the Continent, more than usual interest attaches to a return issued by the Admiralty showing the comparative strength of the navies of the Great Powers. The table gives the following totals:—

NAVAL EXPENDITURE. Another return shows the naval expenditure in recent years. Great Britain heads the list with an estimated expenditure for the financial year, April 1, 1908, to March 31, 1909, of £32,319,500, followed by the United States, which has voted £25,833,217 for the year ending June 30 next. Germany comes next with £18,500,000; France, with £12,797,308 for the year 1908; Russia, with £9,833,915 voted for the same period; Japan, with £8,044,884 for the year ending March 31, 1909; and Italy, with £5,266,193 for the financial year ending June 30, 1909.

RETURN OF TERRITORIALS. With the return of the London Cyclist Battalion (25 County of London) the training of the London divisions of the Territorial Force comes to an end for the present year. At various times, but primarily in the last week of July and the first two weeks of this month, all the mounted troops, artillery, engineers, infantry, Medical and Army Service Corps units of the London command have been at camp training for 15 days; but the actual total of officers and men attending have not yet been officially announced. The War Office has notified that the appointment of honorary colonel will be allowed in the Territorial Force.

KILLED AT THE SEASIDE. While some children were digging a hole in the side of the cliff at Clifton a fall of earth occurred, and buried Freda Hayward, the four-year-old daughter of Mr. F. E. Hayward, an accountant, of Ribblesdale, who is spending a holiday in the neighbourhood. When alerted by her father and gardeners the child was found to be dead.

VISIT TO THE TOWER.

REMARKABLE STORY OF ABDUCTION.

A strange story is told of the adventures of Lavinia Livermore, a child nine years of age, living with her parents at 28, Grosvenor, New Church-rd., Camberwell. One morning Lavinia, better known as Lily, left home with her brother James, aged 13, and four younger members of the family, on a visit to the Tower of London, to which they had frequently been. The boy made the round of the Tower, and on his return he found that his sister had been accosted by a young and well-dressed stranger, who had asked her to share a jam sandwich with him. She said, "My brother has been in the Tower," and the stranger said, "Would you like to go, too?" On this the little girl accompanied him to the Tower. On their return the man gave the boy a penny, saying that he lived in Southampton-st., and knew all about his parents. The party proceeded as far as Neckinger-rd., Brompton, where, on looking round, the boy found that his sister and the man had disappeared. Thinking he had taken her home, Jas. Livermore went on with the rest of the family to Cork-st., to find that his sister had not been heard of.

A Night's Suspense.

Inquiries were at once set on foot, a description of the child was circulated by the police, and all night long the parents remained in a terrible state of suspense, with the gravest fears of the fate of their little daughter. Early the next morning their anxiety was relieved by a message to the effect that she was at Notting Dale police station, and on proceeding thither they were pleased to find the girl suffering from nothing more than fright. The child's story is to the effect that after separating her from the rest of the family the man promised to take her to the White City. After travelling in a tube "with small carriages," evidently the City and South London, and another underground railway, during which journey she remembers passing Queen's-rd. Station, they found themselves at Notting Dale. She remembers passing Queen's-rd. Station, the Princess Hotel, St. Ann's-rd., Potter's-lane, and other places, and eventually they arrived in a cul-de-sac with a blank wall on one side and about 12 small houses on the other. In one of these which was entered direct from the street, the child was taken on the pretence that she would then see her father and brother. She was locked in the parlour, and when she began to cry he put his hand over her mouth and said he did not want her to hear. Eventually, he took her upstairs and told her to undress and go to bed as she would see her relatives in the morning. She got into a bed with another little girl about five years of age who stuttered, and on awaking in the morning found the man in bed with them.

The Police Search.

When she was up and dressed the man said, "Now we will go out and get some new-laid eggs for breakfast." He sent her to the kitchen to get the eggs, and whilst she was in one of these, he disappeared. Left alone in the road the child began to cry and her condition attracted the attention of a wood-chopper close by, who, after questioning her, called in the assistance of the police, by whom she was taken to the station. She was found to be tall, with the description of a missing child. On the arrival of the divisional surgeon, who found that she had sustained no injury. The parents and the child, accompanied by a detective, spent the greater part of the day in an endeavour to find the place to which she had been taken, although she could remember certain landmarks, the quest was in vain. The man is described as of medium height, about 36 or 30 years of age, wearing a black or dark navy blue suit, with stand-up collar and black tie. He was of fair complexion, and had no moustache. When he was first seen, the children he was wearing spectacles with black frames, but when seen next morning he had discarded them, saying that he only wore them for reading purposes.

An Arrest.

The sequel to the case was heard when a printer named Wm. Hy. Manser, of Boxmore-st., Norland-rd., Notting Hill, was charged, before Mr. Garrett, with unlawfully detaining away and detaining Lily Livermore, aged nine years, with intent to deprive her parents of her lawful custody, at Cork-st., Camberwell.—An exciting scene was witnessed before the case was called on, the father of the child making a determined rush at prisoner with the avowed intention of assaulting him, but being forcibly held back by the police. Only evidence of arrest was given.—P.C. Warren said that the child's mother gave prisoner into custody at Boxmore-st. He made no reply either then or later at the station to the charge of abduction.—Mr. Garrett: On that evidence you will be remanded for a week.

RETURN OF TERRITORIALS. With the return of the London Cyclist Battalion (25 County of London) the training of the London divisions of the Territorial Force comes to an end for the present year. At various times, but primarily in the last week of July and the first two weeks of this month, all the mounted troops, artillery, engineers, infantry, Medical and Army Service Corps units of the London command have been at camp training for 15 days; but the actual total of officers and men attending have not yet been officially announced. The War Office has notified that the appointment of honorary colonel will be allowed in the Territorial Force.

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RIVAL SULTANS.

FIGHT FOR THE THRONE DESERTION FOLLOWED BY MOROCCO.

Affairs in Morocco have taken a sensational turn within the last few days. The Sultan, Abdul Aziz, having been defeated by his half-brother, Mulai Hafid, who has, in consequence, been proclaimed Sultan. The decisive battle was fought near Marrakech, and, according to the latest accounts, Abdul Aziz owes his defeat to the treachery of the Sraghna tribesmen and others. An attack, personally led by the Sultan, was being made on Zennar, when his contingent fell back and commenced pillaging his camp. This caused a panic, and the soldiers began firing on each other. The Sultan tried to rally them, but nobody would listen, their only longing being for loot and safety. However, a European instructor



MULAI HAFID, THE NEW SULTAN.

managed to get one gun into position and work it, but the weapon was quickly abandoned, as all the artillerymen took the mules and fled.

Abdullah's Escape.

It is stated that it was due to the pluck of Sergt.-inst. Harding, an Englishman, and the Showia tribesmen that the Sultan managed to make good his escape to Settat. Mulai Hafid, the triumphant usurper, has several times written to various persons stating that he has a great affection for his younger brother, Abdul Aziz, the only reason which has forced him to have himself proclaimed Sultan being his brother's policy, which was ruining the country. If Abdul Aziz had fallen into his hands he would have been well treated and allowed to choose a coast town in which to live.

Attitude of the Powers.

By the terms of the Algeiras Convention the signatory Powers are pledged not to intervene in the internal affairs of Morocco. The choice of an emperor is reserved for the people, and the Powers have no intention of forcing on the Moors either Abdul Aziz or his brother, the Pretender. If the Sultan has still the strength and the will to recover his heritage no obstacle will be put in his path. On the other hand, if it is found that the proclamation of Mulai Hafid holds good and is accepted by the country without further opposition, the Powers may be invited to recognize his claims. For the present, however, the signatories see no reason for intervention. The initiative must come from France, which is the country chiefly concerned. Spain also must be consulted not merely because of her territorial interests in Morocco, but because the great majority of the European residents are of Spanish origin and nationality. France and Great Britain will abandon Abdul Aziz only as a last resource, for they acknowledge in him a ruler well affected to reform. Germany, on the contrary, though it has withheld any sign of official support, is prepared to acknowledge the accession of Mulai Hafid as a fait accompli.

SENSATIONAL REPORT.

MULAI HAFID SAID TO BE A PRISONER.

A report has reached Settat that Mulai Hafid is a prisoner. According to a Reuters telegram from Paris, the Tangier correspondent of the "Echo de Paris," with reference to the rumour already announced of the capture of Mulai Hafid, says that advice from Elker show that Mulai Hafid, having yielded to the temptation to leave Fez, was made prisoner by the Ouled Djenna, who do not forgive him for having kept the Bagdad brothers so long in captivity. The "Echo de Paris," in a telegram from Tangier, says: "Perhaps Mulai Hafid is only regarded as a prisoner in Fez from the facts that the population in the vicinity is in revolt, and that he has not a strong force at his disposal." A letter from Fez, dated Sunday, says: "Abd-el-Aziz, whose abasality is gradually reforming, and now numbers some 2,500 men, is seriously thinking of starting again for Marrakech, for in his suite there is no doubt that El Tugui is in that town."

SALVATIONIST GOES TO GAOL.

Preceded by a band, Mrs. Wood, a member of the Dartford corps of the Salvation Army, marched through the streets of Dartford to the railway station to join the police in order to be conveyed to Maidstone Gaol. Mrs. Wood is one of three Salvationists who a fortnight ago were fined 25s. with the alternative of seven days in the second division, for obstructing traffic by holding meetings. She elected to go to prison, but to avoid the indignity of going through the town in the custody of the police it was arranged that she should join them at the station. Behind Mrs. Wood in the words "On to prison." Seven days for preaching Christ, and as the train moved out of the station there was a great cheering, while a band on the top of a motor-omnibus played a farewell hymn.

LUNATIC WIFE.

DESERTION FOLLOWED BY MORMON CONVERTS TO BE BICAMY.

A case illustrating the hardship of the position of one of the parties to the matrimonial tie came before Mr. Cluer, at Old-st. Jno. Gasson, 37, Cluer, an assistant, was charged with feloniously intermarrying with Catherine Ady, his wife Mary being then and now alive. Det.-Sgt. Hook said that shortly before one o'clock that day he went to a house in Lever-st. St. Luke's, and found prisoner, who told him that he was making inquiries into a marriage which Gasson had gone through last March, and prisoner said, "Yes, my wife lives here." Witness replied, "Yes, but you married a young woman named Mary Perkins at Islington Registry Office in 1894, and prisoner said, 'I don't know such a woman.' The officer, however, added that the woman was alive and in an asylum. Defendant then said, "I don't wish to give any more trouble. I was married to Mary Perkins, but I don't want this wife to know." The second wife, who was crying in court, proved going through the form of marriage with prisoner at St. Barnabas Church, St. Luke's, on March 23 last, and the certificate showed that Gasson represented himself as a bachelor.

Deserted His Wife.

Witness (Miss Ady) said she did not know till a fortnight later that her husband had been previously married; but then did not know the wife was alive, and continued to live with him. Evidence as to the first marriage was given by the wife of a rickman at King's Cross, who said that prisoner, about 14 years ago, was a sister of the first wife. She knew that prisoner, about 14 years ago, married her sister Mary, but had lost sight of him for some time, as he had deserted his wife. She became chargeable to the West Ham Guardians, and was about five years ago removed to an asylum. Witness said she saw her sister in the asylum about six weeks ago. She wished defendant to know she had not "given him away," and she was very sorry, she said, for the person who had married him. She knew, she added, that a man with children must have someone to look after them, but "they ought not to marry." Mr. Cluer: There were children of the first marriage. Witness: Yes, sir, three, but he deserted them and his wife, and they are in the parish schools, prisoner not having done anything towards their support. Mr. Cluer committed prisoner to the Central Criminal Court.

FATHER AND CHILD.

MOTHERLESS DAUGHTER'S SERIOUS ALLEGATIONS.

At Plymouth Hy. Cooke, a naval pensioner, living at 52, Penrose-st., was charged with a serious offence in respect to his daughter Lillian, aged 15, on August 17. The Chief Constable, who described the case as a shocking one, remarked that the evidence was not yet complete. He produced was not yet sufficient for a posed to call evidence in support of her. Lillian Cooke was called, and said her mother died six years ago. Witness was a domestic servant and slept at home. She had two sisters, one of whom was taken charge of by her aunt, Mrs. Warren, while the other, Mabel, aged 11, lived with her father. Three and a half years ago her father married again, but his wife only lived with him a short time. They were still separated. Witness and her sister shared a bed room which adjoined the kitchen, in which her father slept in a bed chair. Witness gave evidence in support of the allegation, and stated that she had no relative to complain to other than her aunt, whom she had not seen for two or three years till about a month ago. She then made a statement to her. She had said nothing to anybody, as she was afraid of her father's violent temper. At this stage prisoner was remanded in custody. Before leaving the dock prisoner, a grey-haired man, commenced crying and muttered, "You know what you are doing. That is not true."

MILLIONS FOR PENSIONS.

WHAT MR. LLOYD-GEORGE HAS LEARNED IN GERMANY.

Mr. Lloyd-George has returned from his trip to Germany, where he has been studying the German system of old age pensions and of sick invalidity insurance. Referring to his visit Mr. Lloyd-George said he was of the opinion that the non-contributory form of pension which has been adopted in this country was far better than the contributory system, and to see whether such a plan could be grafted on the English system.

AN OPEN MIND.

He declared that he had come to no definite opinion on this point, and he proposed before doing so to study the systems of Belgium and Austria, although he did not propose to visit those countries immediately. He found Germany throughout Germany and was satisfied with the system of contributory insurance, and all agreed that it had very much raised the level of health and life in Germany. The figures on this point were extraordinary, said Mr. Lloyd-George, and the Minister of the Interior had supplied him with statistics showing that in 1907 234,000,000 was raised by contributions for sickness, invalidity, and old age.

A VAST SYSTEM.

It was the intention to add clerks and widows to the scheme, and in a few years the total sum raised annually would be £50,000,000. The contribution of the State amounted practically to little more than the working expenses for the whole scheme. It was a vast system of insurance which was practically run by the country. Mr. Lloyd-George said that he had been disappointed in his hopes of getting some information on the question of dealing with unemployment.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer

arrived at Denbigh yesterday on a brief visit to Sir Hudson Kealey, M.P. He was accompanied by Mrs. Lloyd-George.

DELUDED WOMEN.

MORMON CONVERTS TO BE SENT HOME.

At last the American authorities have resolved to deal drastically with the Mormon schemes of immigration, more especially in regard to their importation of deluded European women to make wives for the "Saints" of Utah. The first move was made on Wednesday, when two pool girls, Catherine and Margaret Roe, who arrived at Boston on the White Star liner Republic as Mormon converts, were ordered to be deported. Eleven other female converts, mostly Scandinavian, are also to be sent back to Europe, and some thirty other deportations are expected to follow. In the case of the Roes, their father, a Liverpool stationer, telegraphed, according to "The Express" correspondent, to "The Express" that his daughters had run away from home, and asked the Boston port officers to send them back.

Girls Misinformed.

Mr. Roe's daughters were approached, it appears, by Mormon representatives belonging to the agency at Edgeland, Liverpool. The girls had been informed that there was no such thing as polygamy among the Mormons, and they had accepted the creed of the order and an offer to be engaged as domestic helps. Margaret is 22 years of age—a handsome brunette. She had been a shop-girl. Catherine was 19, and was a domestic servant. Both girls had been attached to religious organisations, and were first made acquainted with the Mormons by the approach of a Mormon missionary from the headquarters at Edgeland. They were offered good homes and salaries. The Liverpool police say that nearly a hundred girls have voluntarily left the city with Mormons during the past 12 months.

Mormon Fairy Tales.

The order of the United States Government deporting the other women is based on the grounds that they have been induced to go to America by false promises, and have been financially assisted to emigrate. Some of the women declare that Mormon missionaries spent days telling them of the attractions of the Mormon colonies in Utah, and persuaded them that Mormonism was the only true religion. The missionaries assured them that the happiest women in the world were those at Salt Lake City. They instructed the women in the writings of John Smith, the founder of Mormonism, and they said that the Mormon were overcoming the prejudice against themselves in America. The women are mostly poor and ignorant.

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"CAPTAIN" SHAW.

FUNERAL OF LONDON'S FIRE KING.

Yesterday all that was mortal of Sir E. Massey Shaw, K.C.B., for 30 years chief officer of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade, was laid to rest in Highgate Cemetery. He had passed away earlier in the week at Folkestone at the age of 71. Last December he underwent an operation for the amputation of his remaining leg, after a long illness having been taken off nine years earlier. "Captain Shaw," as he was popularly known, was an Irishman, born in Markstown, County Cork, and educated at Dr. Croft's College, Dublin, where he took his B.A. and M.A. degrees. His parents had some idea of sending him into the Church, and he actually com-



SIR E. MASSEY SHAW. (Photo, Russell.)

pleted his training for ordination, but at the eleventh hour he gave up the idea and took to the sea. On his return from a voyage to America he entered the Army, but in 1860 he retired to take up the post of organiser and chief officer of the Belfast Police and Fire Brigade.

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A REFUSED KISS.

LOVER CHARGED WITH MURDER.

A young labourer, Noah Percy Collins, of Aberdare, was charged at Gwent, with the murder of Ann Dorothy Lawrence, aged 19, on Aug. 17. Deceased was found stabbed to death.—Mr. D. W. Evans, in opening the case, stated that accused lodged with Mrs. Lawrence, and became attached to her daughter. Jealousy appeared to have arisen, and it was alleged that accused stabbed the girl.—Mrs. Anna Lawrence, the mother of deceased girl, who was greatly affected while giving evidence, stated that on Aug. 17, she heard a shout, and ran downstairs. She kicked the kitchen door open, and saw her daughter lying on the floor.

In a Pool of Blood.

Prisoner was standing there, and, lifting his hands, he rushed out by the back door.—Two daggers were found on the floor, one with the handle broken off. Prisoner went up to a witness and said, "You can fetch the police as soon as you like. I wish to give myself up."—A doctor accused deceased's throat had been cut; there were deep wounds in the chest and one below the breast, penetrating the heart, besides three wounds in the back penetrating the chest. In all, there were seven wounds. In the chest cavity, a piece of wood was found, and a dagger was found in the chest cavity. Prisoner asked, "Is she dead?" I threatened her six months ago, and since that told her I would kill her if she would not make it up with me." After being charged, accused, in a further statement, said, "I asked her for a kiss, and she refused. She then ran round the table and got behind the door. It was then I lifted up the knife to stab."—Prisoner pleaded guilty, and was committed for trial.

INSOMNIA PATIENT.

FOUND WITH THREE POISON BOTTLES.

An inquest was held at Woolwich on the body of Hy. Arthur Woolverton, aged 44, a commercial traveller, of Gilmour-st., Lewisham, who was found unconscious by the park-keeper on Bostall Heath, with a bottle by his side. Another bottle was found in deceased's pocket, which, the doctor said, contained some poison. An overdose would, however, be dangerous. In a third bottle discovered was something which smelt like chloroform, while the bottle lying by his side had contained a composition which neither coroner nor doctor could make anything of. A sister-in-law said deceased went out in the morning, and the same night his wife received a letter signed, "Your heart-

A WIFE'S COMPLAINTS.

AT THE MUSIC HALL WITH THE LOOGER.

Yesterday a singular matrimonial case was heard at the Westminster Police Court, when Emma Hibbert, a young married woman, now living at Lynton-avenue, Wood Green, summoned her husband, Sidney Hibbert, of Percy-cottages, Knightbridge, for persistent cruelty, applying for a separation.—Complainant said she had been married 10 years, and there was one child. Defendant was a groom at Tattersalls, and she recently left him because of his violence. He had kicked on her and tried to choke her. When in bed and asleep he had awakened her by blows with a walking stick. Once in July, when returning from a school treat with her child, he accused her of drinking, because her face was as red as the sun, and he hit her in the mouth with his fist and knocked her on to a fire grate.

TO PREVENT HER SLEEPING.

At night he pushed the pillows, (Laughter.) He varied this by driving his feet into her, stamping on her feet, and sitting on her face.—Cross-examined: Defendant had never complained of a longer taking her to music halls at night. Defendant always knew about it, and never objected. It was not her husband who lodged her. She asked him not to leave, but her husband would not let him go. He admitted that when she was knocked in the fireplace she retaliated and blackened defendant's eye.—Neighbours spoke to having seen marks of violence on complainant.—Mr. Courtney, defending, said defendant absolutely denied that he had been guilty of the Quip-like conduct she alleged. He said that his wife had been guilty of the Quip-like conduct she alleged. He said that his wife had been guilty of the Quip-like conduct she alleged.

THE WIDOW'S DOG.

ST. BERNARD SAID TO HAVE BEEN STARVED.

At Brentford Sophie Miller, a German woman, living in Glenhurst-st., was summoned for cruelty to a dog by withholding from it sufficient food.—Mr. Polhill prosecuted on behalf of the R.S.P.C.A., and the animal, a big St. Bernard, walked contentedly about the well of the court and licked the prosecuting counsel's hand.—Insp. Walter Jno. Clarke, of the R.S.P.C.A., said that on Aug. 17, in consequence of complaints received, he went to defendant's house and discovered her identity. Defendant said, "I suppose you have come about the dog," and when he alleged it did not get enough food she rejoined, "That's nonsense; you can come inside and see." Witness then examined the animal and found it in a weak and emaciated condition, staggering under the slightest touch. Defendant produced a bone, absolutely bare, and said a pint of fluid, which she said was the dog's food. Witness obtained some bread and the dog sprang at his hand, while it devoured the bread in great gulps. He threw the remainder on the floor, and the dog ate it ravenously. Witness added that there was no disease to account for the dog's condition.—Defendant declared that the dog was well cared for, but it fretted after her poor husband, who was drowned in a bath.—The case was ultimately adjourned for a fortnight to see if the dog improves.

RAILWAY MISAP.

A serious railway accident occurred yesterday near Preetz, North Wales, on the N.W.R. The axle box of one of the vans of a goods train broke, with the result that about 40 other axles were damaged, and the trucks were thrown off the line, completely blocking the four ways. The whole of the traffic to the North Wales Coast was thrown out of gear, and the mail was delayed for nearly three hours.

COVENTRY MURDER.

At Coventry, yesterday, Harry Taylor Parker, labourer, no fixed abode, was again charged with the wilful murder of Thomas Tompkins, aged 61 years, a baker, of Broad-st.—Prisoner was remanded until Thursday, when the adjourned inquest is to be held. The deceased man was found slaying in his employer's bakehouse with a fractured skull. The allegation is that he was struck by prisoner with a heavy piece of wood.

A BOY'S DEATH.

FOLLOWS AN OPERATION CAN GOLD BE MADE FROM SILVER?

The question of consent to operation was raised at an inquest held by Coroner Danford Thomas at the City Court on Christopher Baugh, 15, son of a baker residing at 11, St. Luke's, who died at St. Bartholomew's Hospital with the boy, and did so. The child was taken into a room behind a screen, and next she saw him in a white gown. Not long afterwards she was told he had sunk under an operation. Witness added she had no idea an operation was going to be performed. Nothing was said to her, and no one asked her consent.

A Growth in the Nose.

Dr. Griffin, who performed the operation, said it was for the removal of a growth in the nose, a very common thing among children. Witness had himself performed hundreds of such operations. He told the mother the growth would be removed.—A Juror: Did she consent?—Witness: I did not think there was any question. It appeared to be an understanding thing.—Dr. Griffin added that the operation was a very simple one, lasting only five seconds. The boy recovered fully, but five minutes afterwards collapsed suddenly and died.—Dr. Gill, who administered chloroform to the deceased child, and mentioned he had anaesthetised 40,000 or 50,000 people for the purposes of operations, said that in this case it did not occur under chloroform. It was due to cardiac syncope, following the patient's general abnormal condition.

Discovery After Death.

Dr. Fisher, of Sidcup, a pathologist, stated that the operation was properly performed. The physical condition of the child predisposed him to cardiac syncope, which was accelerated by the anaesthetic.—The father and mother of the child declared they would not have consented to the operation had they been asked.—Dr. Fisher added it was only after the child's death that it was found to be a case in which the administration of an anaesthetic would have been inadvisable.—The jury returned a verdict of death from misadventure. They recommended that an inquest should be held to inquire into the operation was desired.—The Coroner: I think there has merely been a misunderstanding. This operation was properly performed, and no blame attaches to the doctors.

A SERVANT'S FORTUNE.

£500 DISCOVERED IN OLD STOCKINGS.

At an inquest at Worthing on a domestic servant named Elizabeth Jane Wilson, 72, a constable stated that when he searched her bedroom he found near her bed £500 in notes, gold, and silver in the Post Office Savings Bank. Of the sum found £200 was in the form of 40 25 notes and the rest in gold and silver. This little fortune was contained in six purses, which had been placed in the foot of old stockings and made up into parcels. The woman had been an upper servant in a Worthing house, and had retired only a month ago after 20 years' service on account of failing health. Though repeatedly urged by her employers to have medical advice she refused, declaring that she disliked doctors. Her death was due to syncope caused by cancer, and the jury returned a verdict accordingly. It is believed that deceased's nearest relative is a half-brother, a railway guard named Wilson, living at Watford.

POSTAL CONFERENCE.

SHALL THE SERVICE ASSOCIATIONS UNITE?

The Postal Conference which opened at Matlock Bath yesterday, will sit until Tuesday next, discussing the proposal for the amalgamation of all service associations. The delegates attending the conference show the keenest interest in the scheme, and no fewer than six organisations are represented, covering about 50,000 men. The Postmen's Association is the only one not represented. At the outset Mr. Davis (London) was chosen president of the conference, and Mr. Chesman secretary. The details of procedure were discussed, the first part of the day being occupied in the discussion of the proposal. It was pointed out that the present system of branches led to a conflict of interest such as was noticeable before the Tweedmouth and Hobbhouse Commissions and the Bradford Commission. A final decision is not expected before Tuesday.

GIRL THIEF CAUGHT.

DETECTIVES IN THE CUPBOARD.

Yesterday, at the South-Western Police Court, Winifred Wheeler, 13, of 43, Orville-st., Battersea, was charged with stealing 2s. belonging to Ada Wynn, residing at Sister's-avenue, Lavender Hill, Battersea. P.C. Currier had been frequently robbed during her absence from home, and sought the assistance of the police. Consequently several times a cupboard in the lady's bedroom. The girl first knocked at the front door, and, obtaining no answer, entered the house by climbing through one of the back windows. Then she crept into the room where the officers were in hiding, and as the girl was helping herself to the money the detectives sprang forward to the money girl screamed with fright, and was driven to the station.—Her father attended, and said he could not keep her in order.—Mr. De Grey remanded her, with a view of an industrial school being found for her.

ALMOST GAVE UP HOPE.

Of Currier's Terrible Illness, During Which He Almost Gave Up Hope.

Currier broke out at first on my child's head and face and then on the body and chiefly the points of the arms and legs. He was nothing but a mass of sores, itching and burning, and permitting no rest for him or me, night or day. I tried all manner of ointments and medicines, but he has been under doctors' treatment for some months and with the exception of temporary relief the suffering. I was almost driven to despair. I did not know what to do, and had almost given up hope of ever getting a cure. Two my mother-in-law's old friend, Mrs. Currier, sent me a box of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. I tried them, and after a few days I saw him before using Currier's Pills. Mrs. Currier said she believed it was the best medicine she had ever used. (Lancet) Jan. 26, 1907.

MILLBAY BARRACKS, PLYMOUTH, WHICH HAVE BEEN UNOCCUPIED SINCE THE SOUTH AFRICAN WAR, HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED TO THE ADMIRALTY FOR THE WAR OFFICE.

A DEVILISH GRIN. TALK OF THE PEOPLE

High Play at House Parties.

Someone has been complaining of the exactions in the way of tips suffered by those who join in the delights of the country house party. There is something worse than the levies of the servants, and that is the ruinous results of high play. The game is a certain great deal more gambling in the sole evening occupation and not only the men but the women play for ruinous stakes. The King, although he is very fond of cards, has all along set his face against reckless play, and has let it be understood

never honour the host with his presence. There have been several instances since Parliament rose and the Society left town, of reckless play house parties, and one particularly bad case, where something, I hear worse than high stakes is said to have happened, has been hushed up with difficulty.

Wheels Within Wheels.

The Queen, who never accepts invitation to a country house where any of the methods of the Smart set are practiced, has all of her Majesty's detestation of lax ways. Society, therefore, in fear of the

ing, and she sometimes exercises in directions little dreamed of by the general public. My readers may remember a recent case of a policeman without a well-known hotel. Without going into the merits of the business and I have my own well-decided views on the wisdom or wisdom of such prosecutions—I can state that the authorities were induced to move in the matter as a result of an experience of a young son of a well-known lady of Society. He had made a fool of himself, in the story, as told by his indignant mother, reached the Queen's ear. Hence all the bother.

Any man who knows his London under the electric light is not easily shocked by any story he may hear. He is fully aware that, be the police ever so vigilant, things will still happen which mark the seamy side of a great city and link home in its decadence with London of the 20th century. At long intervals, fortunately from the point of view, the criminal courts yield their nauseous stories, and the maiden whisper to each other: "It is possible, can such things happen? The case is dead. No more throw from Piccadilly-circus are the haunts of decadent men."

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one from a quarter to another; if
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of this disease in public morals.

Blunders.

Ever since the days of "U
Tem's Cabin" the blunder
as a brand for blood. The error
as general as it is ridiculous.
name has certainly all the charm

bound readily takes a blood scent
is not by nature a savage animal.
Bloodhounds have been known,
true, to attack man, but the oc-
currence is rare—far rarer than in the
case of foxhounds, who so frequently
go "savage" and worry those
tend them in the fields. They are
undoubtedly something uncanny
in the sense in which bloodhounds
follow the scent in grim silence,
his nose to the ground and his
expressive eyes with that look of
fury given to them by the "nails"
the lower lid, fixed unreluctantly
the direction of the quarry.

Links in the Chain.

In justice to the public, it should be stated that the fact that the man who committed the Bungalow murder is concerned, there was from the first the idea of that sort in mind when it was decided to bring bloodhounds into the Seal Chart Wood. From what I have said, I should not be surprised if the detectives used the bloodhounds more as a diversion than anything else. I should divert attention from the line of the secret inquiry and inquiry which would be successful might yet yield the startling results. If what I am saying is well founded, and the course my information is unimpaired, then this chain of evidence of w

man to be added, would bring as dramatic a denouement as the annals of crime can show.

Scotland Yard on Its Merits

But those one or two links are missing; without them little can be done; and less said, and the so far massed public have proved that the lawless Scotland Yard has called in, and Scotland Yard has many undiscovered murderers discredit not to strain every nerve bringing the Bungalow culprit to justice. I do not use the word discredit early in a condemnatory sense, the running down of murderers

and two together as our friend
lock Holmes pretends it is, the
police records would never have
contained these sinister pages of
deeds unwinged. Sherlock Holmes
works backward. He invents the
and makes the crimes fit them.
police find the crimes made for
them they are left to find the
Next to a clue a motive is a sp
starting point. The Bungalow m
on the face of it, offers neither
who knows?

Another Army Mystery.
Anything which concerns the
is nevertheless of public interest
the three majors out.

of the 4th Royal Irish Dragoon Guards have retired this morning to provoke comment. The regiment has just been ordered after being just posted to Africa 14 years, and it is indeed remarkable that the officers in question should have chosen such a moment to retire from the Army they served so well in the field. The authority for stating that the retirement was voluntary, by public, I am sure, will be asked. I know what prompted their action.

intend to pass through such an
period as they were only rescued
last spring by F. B. Deane for the

players of the day, in Thomson, the
tish captain and halfback, Ag
Kilmarnock, a back who appea
Northend last season.

Ireland, and Brown, the Sheffield centre forward, who, as a very clever, fast, snappy for England player, Sunday Express, writes, "is a capture, and as Roose has kicked out for them, the outlook Westside club must be regarded bright in the extreme. Should it prove so in real sports, the club will not be the occasion prospects coming to grief."

Chelsea and "W.A."

Chelsea, after the many days the opening weeks of last season were so much ground, as the team gradually strengthened, that the club were gathered at Stamford Bridge will be natural. It is not such a test of loyalty as that to they were subjected a year ago, the half back, was unfortunately

Whitley, Robinson, of Birmingham, been signed on, and Ben Warr, steadfast of halves, who has now quite a number of games for E and never a bad one, must strengthen Chelsea in attack as well as defence. The outlook at Plymouth appears a much more uncertainly. Sharp, the Scottish international, Ashcroft, Kyle, Coleman, and Freeman having all departed the ranks of Woolwich Arsenal, arrivals are Macdonald, the

Underland forward, and Maxwe Shuehli Wednesday, as well as a number of players with their reputations. In these circumstances, it is idle to suggest that the Arsenal prospects are brilliant. On the other hand, the old half-backs remain the newcomers may settle down in a thoroughly satisfactory fashion.

The Three B's and Other
Bristol City, although failing of last season, as compared with the

materially alter the constitution of the team. Bradford City will rely on some men who brought them promotion from League II, and Leicester for other newcomers, are also dependent upon old hands, the one important being that of Vincent, the club captain and Sussex cricketer, who, with the Leicester club, Bill Hovers are making many changes. A few, and Preston North End, or two Notts County and Nottingham Forest, the former of whom are

The Hopeful Brigade. Second League football this season arouses fresh interest for the London football public, as the metropolitan representatives of that competition now include Tottenham Hotspur, Fulham and Clapton Orient, but also Tottenham Hotspur, who, from their great achievement in winning the championship seven years ago, will, whatever the position of the side, always have

The Hotspur will have Hewson, a custodian formerly associated with Crystal Palace, and Burton another of their old backs, will be strengthened. Watt, of Whitham. The club expect to command the services of quite a number of halves, last season's players of line being to a large extent retained, newcomers being Bullock, of Retford, and Bentley, of Stoke. Some new men have been secured. V. J. Woodward, it is hoped, will play the side, and most of those who will

should do fairly well in Second
Football, even if it scarcely
strength enough to secure
places which carry promotion.
came to near gaining admission
First League last spring that
Lord City and Leicester Fosse
there will be great hopes of Lon
ing a third representative in
W. Goldie has joined Leicester
otherwise all last season's men
able, and with Threlfall, Dairy

should hold its own in any competition, except on rare occasions, always be trusted. Clapton of course, hoping much from their young ones. They did well enough last year to obviate all cause for great anxiety.

What of the South?

Southern League football has been somewhat shaken by the departure of Ham Holspur for the Second League, the necessity for playing so many away games, and the fact that

what is to be deplored. Of course, the inclusion of Southend, Exeter, and Plymouth, in the competition will be a disappointment as well as a loss of interest, for if they have fairly earned their promotion, Exeter and Plymouth must be regarded as quantities. Opinions generally are in favour of the idea that Plymouth Argyle, and not Queen's Park Rangers, so close the championship last season, and practically all their old eleven, including Wilson, will be back in the forward line to carry off first honours of the season.

fresh eleven Crystal Palace retained the services of all the executive secured and are thus of again doing well, while Millers whose ranks the only notable change is Shrivve to West Ham, also finish near the top. A study of list of the names of men available ranks of West Ham United suggest a big effort is being made to higher position for the Boleyn organisation. Disappointed in attempt to enter the Second

INTERESTING CONT
The Inter Training Establishment composed for Naval boys, now

for the 25 guinea Challenge Cup. If M & Ganger. The competitors, holders, Rhoddy Barracks, an Impregnable. The race, which far back as 1838, was over a couple of miles in a rough sea and still by Impregnable representatives had vantage of the windward position took the lead, and maintained a finish, defeating the holders, by last, by 54 lengths.

A Roulter's telegram from Radford dated Aug. 28, says:—The Bach Prize was run to-day for a given by the Grand Duke of added to sweepstakes of 250 entries 35 gavs. for three-year upwards One mile and a half result was as follows:—Moss Weinberg's Faust. 1; Mr. E. Vail Val Suren. 2. Mr. M. Ephrussi Arabia. 3. The Gruditz Stud's Arab (only four ran. Totalabeor prize 10. for a place, 11 to 10.

A FINE RUN.
Yesterday afternoon the young
runner S. K. Buggs, made a
attempt to beat the time of the
Race. The course, of more than
lay from a country parish beyond
and finished at the Recreation
Norwich, where a sports meet
being held. Buggs, who is about
of age covered the distance in
which beats and Englishman's
the Marathon Race by Smith.

INDOOR GAMES AND PASTIMES.

NOTES, PROBLEMS, & PUZZLES.

BY OUR OWN SPECIALISTS.

CARDS.

[By E. B. TURNER.]

BRIDGE.

For the last two weeks I have written about the right and the wrong leads from an average hand against a suit declaration. To-day I shall continue the subject. Of all leads, if it should appear right, I prefer the lead of a "singleton." With a hand such as the following: Hearts 7, 8; Spades K, 9, 7, 4, I should always lead the single Club if Hearts were made trumps either by dealer or dummy. With such a hand, against a suit declaration, there is no chance of establishing your strong suit of Diamonds, and no card, except a possible King of Spades, to bring it in with even if they were established. It is therefore very unwise to touch them in the dark. The lead of the Club may at once save the game. If your partner should have the Ace and one or two more you may make three or four tricks before dealer can get in, and your partner will be able to show you his suit, or his weakness in case a double ruff is on the cards, before trumps are drawn. You may be sure if you hold such a hand as that given above that there are at least two Aces to be divided between your partner and the non-declarer of your opponents, as should either dealer or dummy hold these Aces he would have been nearly sure to have called No Trumps, unless he had a very strong hand, or unless his score was 22 or more. Therefore, there is a strong chance that you may find your partner at home, and your wish for a ruff grand at once. Of course, sometimes a "singleton" lead is fatal. I have seen a "singleton" led, and have done it myself, right up to A, Q, and through third player's King, and dealer, who long suit made good at once, but this does not happen nearly so often as the reverse. I have seen games without number saved by the lead of a single card of a suit which must have been held by dealer, but which got in at once and drawn trumps. But the lead of a "singleton" is not always the best. I should hesitate to lead it were the best, but I have seen it done, and it has saved the game. In that case also dealer might have to open Clubs, and by so doing might make a guarded King or Queen in his partner's hand good. But after the first lead in the dark the play depends entirely on the fall of the cards, and the hand put down by dummy. With a hand again rather different, say, Hearts 7, 8; Spades K, 9, 7, 4; Clubs 10, 6, 4; Diamonds Q, 3, 2, I should generally play the King of Spades so as to be able to look at dummy's hand, and see what my partner played to it, and then lead the "singleton" to the second trick. If dummy's cards looked promising for a ruff, there is only one objection to changing suit after leading the King. Your partner may think that you have opened from A, K, J, and give it back for the finesse over the Queen, instead of playing back your second lead. This, however, you must chance, and the exposed cards may often prevent the occurrence of any such mishap.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

CHESBROUGH.—Summarized.—At the score Spades. If the score against him had been 34 or over I should have called No Trumps. (2) Pass it. (3) A defensive Spade player would make Spades trumps in his own hand. I myself should pass it.

CHESS.

[By T. F. LAWRENCE.]

In the chorus of congratulations that greet Mr. H. E. Atkins on once more winning the Championship of the British Federation there is no dissenting note. His victory is popular in the best sense of the word, and the general satisfaction is a tribute so less to an attractive personality than to his ability as a player. To be first in the galaxy of Chess talent that the Congress invariably attracts is much, but to repeat this performance, after Mr. Atkins has done for four successive years marks him out as being indisputably the greatest player in the British Chess. It is the greater pity that his profession does not permit him to sustain the honour. England is international master tournament.

Mr. W. Ward did well in gaining "round prize." He played steadily throughout the contest, but was unfortunate in being gained the slight, but not negligible position against Atkins and then losing through a mistake as to the time limit. Messrs. Gumberson and Blackburne both played admirably, but fell off towards the finish. Mr. J. B. Blake did not fulfil expectations, but had the satisfaction of winning the only game lost by the champion.

The prizes were distributed by Sir John Thurnby. Atkins received the Championship Cup and £30. Ward won £20; Blackburne, £15; Gumberson, £10; Rev. W. C. Leggett, who tied for third and fourth prizes, were awarded £5 each. British Ladies' Championship: Miss Lawson, Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Curling, equal at £10. G. Scotchies won the First-Class Tournament A section, prize £12; and D. Miller the B section, prize £12. The Rev. W. C. Leggett and the Rev. W. C. Leggett were first and second in both the lightning tournaments. Messrs. Keeble, Dixon, and Ward won prizes in problem solving, and the handicap tournament was won by E. B. Turner.

Last week the long-deferred match between Lasker and Tarrasch for the World's Championship commenced at Amsterdam. The score is: Lasker, 1; Tarrasch, 1; the first game and adopted his pet variation of the Ruy Lopez 1. P-K4, P-K4; 2. Kt-K3, Kt-K3; 3. B-K3, P-K4; 4. P-K4, P-K4; 5. P-K4, P-K4; 6. P-K4, P-K4; 7. Kt-K3, P-K4; 8. P-K4, P-K4; 9. P-K4, P-K4; 10. P-K4, P-K4; 11. P-K4, P-K4; 12. P-K4, P-K4; 13. P-K4, P-K4; 14. P-K4, P-K4; 15. P-K4, P-K4; 16. P-K4, P-K4; 17. P-K4, P-K4; 18. P-K4, P-K4; 19. P-K4, P-K4; 20. P-K4, P-K4; 21. P-K4, P-K4; 22. P-K4, P-K4; 23. P-K4, P-K4; 24. P-K4, P-K4; 25. P-K4, P-K4; 26. P-K4, P-K4; 27. P-K4, P-K4; 28. P-K4, P-K4; 29. P-K4, P-K4; 30. P-K4, P-K4; 31. P-K4, P-K4; 32. P-K4, P-K4; 33. P-K4, P-K4; 34. P-K4, P-K4; 35. P-K4, P-K4; 36. P-K4, P-K4; 37. P-K4, P-K4; 38. P-K4, P-K4; 39. P-K4, P-K4; 40. P-K4, P-K4; 41. P-K4, P-K4; 42. P-K4, P-K4; 43. P-K4, P-K4; 44. P-K4, P-K4; 45. P-K4, P-K4; 46. P-K4, P-K4; 47. P-K4, P-K4; 48. P-K4, P-K4; 49. P-K4, P-K4; 50. 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"THE PEOPLE" MIXTURE.

PARAGRAPHS FROM ALL PARTS.

In London 2,276 births and 1,396 deaths were registered last week.

The births were 27 and the deaths 132 below the average.

The annual death-rate from all causes, which had been 11.5 in 1907, was 13.2 per 1,000 in the preceding three weeks, further rose last week to 14.2.

The 1,396 deaths included 25 from measles, 6 from scarlet fever, 22 from diphtheria, 7 from whooping-cough, 3 from enteric fever, and 245 from diarrhoea.

Different forms of violence caused 46 deaths. Of these 10 were cases of suicide, while the remaining 36 deaths were attributed to accident or negligence.

In Greater London 3,621 births and 1,849 deaths were registered. Allowing for increase of population, those numbers are 32 and 321 below the respective averages in the corresponding weeks of the previous five years.

The deaths registered last week in 76 great towns of England and Wales corresponded to an annual rate of 15.8 per 1,000 of the aggregate population, which is estimated at 16,214,952 persons in the middle of this year.

In the preceding three weeks the rates had been 12.1, 13.2, and 15.0.

A monument erected near the scene, on Apothecary Island, of the bomb attempt against Mr. Stoylin, the Russian Premier, on Aug. 25, 1906, was unveiled in the presence of the Premier and his family, the chief authorities, and representatives of the families of the victims of the outrage.

SAVED 32 LIVES.

The residents of Cambridge have presented a purse of money and a silver cigarette-case to Mr. C. H. Driver, the custodian of the town bathing sheds, in recognition of his having saved 32 people from drowning.

COWARDLY LETTERS.

"Such communications are cowardly, and fit only for the waste-paper basket," said the coroner, who told the jury at a Poplar inquest on a child that he had received an anonymous letter making allegations against the parents.

THE TOLL OF THE SEA.

There were 246,773 masters and seamen employed on British merchant ships last year; 596 lost their lives in wrecks, 339 were drowned when the vessels were not damaged, and 246 were lost by other accidents. Including 82 lost in the wreck of the Berlin, 105 passengers lost their lives at sea last year.

It cost £35-41 per day to clothe the Blackpool police force for last year.

British merchants have decided on the establishment of a British Chamber of Commerce in Spain, with headquarters in Barcelona.

At a House of Commons inquiry on a man who committed suicide a lady said her dog made a noise between a cry and a bark, and led her to a tree from which he had jumped.

Sir W. T. Lewis, the famous Welsh colliery expert, who has been manager of Lord Bute's vast properties since 1881, is about to retire. He is now 71 years old.

Reasoning that many footpaths and rights of way are lost to the public because people do not know of their existence, Middlesex, famous for its pretty paths, is labelling them all. "This is a public way."

A fine of £10 was imposed on the French traveler, Dion Projeze, Jeanne et Michel, of Calais, which was captured within the three-mile limit of Southampton.

"Motorists are not entitled after sounding their horns to run over people who do not move," said the West Bromwich Coroner, at the inquest on a boy who was accidentally killed by a motor-car.

London house-holders are warned against a thief who calls at a house when the master is out, says he has been instructed to fit new needles to the sewing machine, and induces the servant to allow him to take the machine away.

THE LATE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE.
At a meeting of the shareholders of the Eastbourne Gas Co. the chairman moved that 100 guineas should be subscribed towards the fund for erecting a statue to the late Duke of Devonshire at Eastbourne, the cost of which is estimated at £1,200.

PENALTY OF MOVING.

A juror complained at the City Coroner's Court that he had been summoned twice in 12 months and five times in five years. "You have moved from one ward to another," said the coroner. "That is the penalty of moving."

CAR AND CART COLLIDE.

As two large motor-cars, conveying inmates of Holloway Sanatorium, Virginia Water, were proceeding through Shepperton-on-Thames, the first car collided with a dog cart in which Mrs. Lundy, of Enfield, Walton-on-Thames, was being driven by a coachman. Both were thrown out, but not seriously injured.

Barcelona exported 193,129,049 corks last year.

Prince Louis of Battenberg and the officers of the British squadron had a magnificent reception at Leghorn.

Mr. James Hoyle, J.P., ex-Alderman of Blackburn, has given £500 to endow a "James Hoyle Cot" at Blackburn Orphanage.

The Rev. Thos. Lord, the centenary minister, was buried at Hornsea, in the grave of the site of which he himself chose eight years ago.

Fulham Borough Council are seeking to sell a large quantity of fruit which they have grown in the new cemetery at North Sheen, near Mortlake.

The wife of a gunner of the 63th Co. Garrison Artillery at Malta, while paddling on the shore, was swept into deep water and drowned with her two children.

Mr. Joseph Saunders Hewitt, chemist, of High-st., Rochester, who was examined at the Rochester Magistrates' Court, attributed his failure to the costs of a lawsuit he had brought.

Some 1,200 men employed at the Old Park Works of the Patent Shaft Co., Wednesbury, Staffs., who have been on strike for three weeks, have resumed work on terms agreed upon between themselves and the masters.

With her infant child, the wife of Thos. Reilly, the proprietor of a motor garage at Hathersage, was found drowned in Cammell's Brook near Sheffield. She was 40 years of age and had twice been an inmate of Asylum.

In the case of the failure of A. M. Seligman, of South Kensington, whose liabilities were returned at £22,286, and his assets at £22, it was stated at the London Bankruptcy Court, that in five years he had lost about £25,000 by betting.

BIRTH-PLACE OF METHODISM.

The old smithy at Exton, in Derbyshire, where the first Methodist sermon was preached by Matthew Maynard in 1765, has just been demolished.

TOWN CLERK'S RESIGNATION.

Owing to failing health, Sir S. G. Johnson, who has been town clerk of Nottingham for 38 years, has resigned, but he is to remain consulting solicitor to the corporation.

ORGANIST'S SIGHT RESTORED.

Mr. Wm. Edw. Clay, a Nottingham organist, who has been totally blind since he was 18 months old, has had his sight restored after 28 years. He can now distinguish his parents, and is looking forward to the time when he will be able to learn to read and write.

The St. Giles pleasure fair will take place at Oxford on Sept. 7 and 8.

Carris Mellor, a little girl of nine, who had been to angling as a hobby, has been found drowned in a canal at Shackerstone, near Leicester.

"He was using language to me that even my husband did not use," said a woman at the Brentford Police Court.

For 52 years Mr. D. Evans has been host of the Royal Oak Inn, Windsor, Somersetshire, and he is believed to be the oldest licensed victualler in England.

Lord H. H. Harcourt, commanding the Royal East Kent Yeomanry, has been appointed aide-de-camp to the King, and granted the rank of colonel in the Territorial Force.

For having been implicated in the theft of some iron, Geo. Raynhill, who won the Victoria Cross in S. Africa in 1899, was sent to prison for a month at Alderson.

The Rev. G. S. Eves, curate at St. Matthew's, Tishtown, Dublin, was drowned in a bath at the Ivanhoe Hotel, Bloomsbury. It was stated at the inquest that he probably had an epileptic fit.

More rain is urgently needed in Eastern Bengal and Assam and parts of the United Provinces and Madras, says the Viceroy in his weekly telegram. The number on relief in all India last week was 619,000.

A verdict that "death was caused by an unknown motor-car" was returned at the inquest at St. Clears, Carmarthenshire, on Chas. Lamb, who was found lying in the road and covered with motor grease.

Capt. R. E. S. Olt, R.N., late commander of the National Antarctic Expedition, is to be married to Miss Kathleen Bruce at the Chapel Royal, Hampton Court Palace, on Wednesday, from the apartments of Mrs. Thomson, widow of the late Archbishop of York and aunt of the bride.

BITTEN BY A BOW.

A little boy named Weller has been badly bitten by a sow at Chilthorne, Somerset, that he is a patient in hospital. He picked up one of the sow's litters, and was at once attacked by the mother.

BOOTS WORN FOR 42 YEARS.

At the time of his death last week Mr. Thos. Cleall, of Haywards Heath, was wearing the boots in which he was married 42 years ago. He had worn them every Sunday since 1866, and also on Bank Holidays, and they had only been sold twice.

BATHING CAPTURE.

On entering the sea for a bath at Skegness a visitor saw an object struggling, and splashing in the water. Seeing a tragedy, he propped to the spot, but instead of a human being he found a baby whale, which at first eluded capture. It was eventually secured and conveyed to the Nottingham Poor Boys' Camp, where it expired.

A white swallow has been shot at Bridgnorth, Shropshire.

During the week beginning Sept. 8, 3,000 inhabitants of Nancy, in Lorraine, will visit the Franco-British Exhibition.

The Pope, who has quite recovered from his indisposition, is being urged by his doctors to undergo an operation for the removal of his tonsils.

The first Anglo-Japanese treaty, the treaty of Jedo, by which Japan was opened up to British commerce, was signed just 50 years ago.

A beautiful white tiger has been killed in Assam, and in due course is to be placed in the museum at Calcutta.

When a man was accused at Willesden of stealing a box of snuff, the owner was asked with so violent a fit of sneezing that he had to leave the court.

About 60 sailors from the destroyers living in Torbay assisted in the fire operations in the Strand, Torquay, when a refreshment house was destroyed.

Mr. Robert Lamb, of Castle Heddingham, who is 94 years of age, has just harvested his half-acre crop of wheat with a sickle, and intends to thresh it with a flail.

The Argentine Ministry of Agriculture has decided to withdraw the prohibition of the import of cattle, sheep, goats, and pigs from Scotland, which may be shipped after Sept. 30. Last 10 years ago when the gig of H.M.S. Alarm captured and six blue-jackets were drowned, a spirit compass has been found in good condition on the beach at Wells, Norfolk.

Copenhagen unemployed have found occupation in rat killing. The total weekly "bag" numbers 6,000, as against 10,000 to 15,000 for the whole of the rest of Denmark.

MME. BASSANO, THE FAMOUS ORATOR.

Mme. Bassano, the famous orator, who frequently sang before the late Queen Victoria at Windsor, Buckingham Palace, has just died at her residence in Upper Tooting.

WOMAN AS RELIEVING OFFICER.

Bury St. Edmunds guardians have appointed Mrs. Precious, of Bradsell St. George, as relieving officer for one of the districts of the union.

EXCURSION TO THE SOUTH POLE.

Arrangements are being made in Sydney to run a summer excursion to the ice-pack around the South Pole. It is expected that a party of about 100 navigators will start towards the end of December on a month's cruise about a week of which will be spent in the ice-pack.

MARY'S FOLLY.

Before Mary Peters, aged 13, was remanded at West Ham, charged with attempting to commit suicide by cutting her throat, it was stated that she told her father: "I did it in a temper because mother would not let me go to the examination." She referred to an outing of Canning Town children.

Mr. Winston Churchill will open the new wing of the Jewish Hospital in Manchester on Oct. 13.

More prairie has been broken and put under cultivation in the Canadian West this season than in the last three seasons put together.

Two of the lakes in the Lower Engadine, the Taraspe See and the Schwarz See, are gradually disappearing. The Schwarz See is described as being now only a puddle.

Chance examination of the register preserved at the local registrar's office at Frankfurt has revealed the fact that the notice recording the birth of Goethe has been cut out.

Mr. Cousins has given birth to triplets, two girls and a boy, at Fawcett-road, Croydon, the home of her parents. All three are fine children, and are doing well.

Infantile mortality in Poplar showed a marked decline last year, the rate per 1,000 births being 121.40, as compared with 133 in the previous year.

Elkstone Parish Church, a prominent Staffordshire landmark, which is mentioned in George Eliot's "Adam Bede" and "Scenes from Clerical Life," is about to be restored.

Out of 6,014 candidates for the Cambridge local examinations held last month, 3,521 candidates passed—exclusive of 315 candidates examined at Colonial centres.

The captain of the British steam trawler "Lutetia," alleged to have been fishing within the three-mile limit of the Schlegwig-Holstein coast, has been fined £15, while the trawl and catch have been confiscated.

The Orange River Legislative Assembly has adopted the compromise on the Education Bill, whereby children may be exempted from learning English or Dutch, or from accepting either as a medium of instruction.

WEALTH IN HIS SHOES.

Wm. Fredk. Hughes, aged 70, who is said to have been once a first-class jockey, was given a month's hard labour at Aston Manor for begging. In one of his shoes was found over £10. Prisoner stated that he got the money by hawking.

TWO ANGLERS DROWNED.

A Mount View gardener named Alex. McPhee, with Jas. Cheyne, a visitor, were out fishing with a local fisherman named McLean, at the boat capsized and both were drowned. McLean, who clung for an hour to the overturned boat, was rescued in an exhausted condition.

FATAL SWEET-EATING.

A hint to parents was contained in the medical evidence at an East Ham inquest on a seven-year-old boy named Wm. Beaumont, who was taken suddenly ill and died in 24 hours. Dr. Dunbar's post-mortem showed that he died of syncope, the result of gastro-enteritis, caused by eating too many sweets. The doctor did not think the sweets held anything injurious.

Falling 15ft. from a bedroom window at Dudley, a woman named Eliza Haney was instantly killed.

By the King's permission the grounds and gardens at Sandringham are at present open to the public on Wednesdays.

With the permission of Mr. Lewis Harcourt, 2,250 roach have been netted in the lake in Nuneham Park, Abingdon, and placed in the Thames.

Mozambique is sending large exhibits to the international exhibition of the rubber and allied industries to be held in London on Sept. 15 to 25.

Mr. Hobb, Calcutt, until recently connected with the Metropolitan Meat Market, has died in his 78th year, at Stroud, Gloucestershire.

For shooting some valuable homing pigeons flying from Worcester to Bolton, Harold Stone was ordered to pay £5 at Tipton.

A golden casket filled with diamonds is being brought from German S.W. Africa by the Kaiser's Colonial Secretary, as a gift to the monarch.

The will has been proved of Major the Hon. Douglas Forbes-Sempill, who was killed in the operations against the Zakkas Khels, the value of the estate being £4,725.

It was elicited from a man who was examined by the Alien Immigration Board in London, that although he had been in England for ten years he could not speak English.

Over 3,000 fancy names for "margarine" were submitted for approval to the Board of Agriculture last year, and of these about 1,000 were approved.

Wm. Beagen, of Alverdiscott, North Devon, received fatal burns whilst smoking in bed. In endeavouring to save him his nephew was terribly burned.

AN INTERESTING FIND.

Some workmen employed at the co-operative stone quarries at Dordford (Northamptonshire) have unearthed a Celtic bronze mirror, the date of which experts give as 200 B.C.

FATHER OF THE BAR.

Mr. Arthur Burrows, the oldest practising barrister, has just celebrated his 95th birthday. His connection with the law extends to nearly 75 years, as he entered as a student at Lincoln's Inn in November, 1830, but he still attends at his chambers almost daily.

RESTITUTION OR BRIBE?

A blacksmith named Cricknell, of Mendlesham, Suffolk, was committed for trial by the local magistrates on a charge of committing a felony. He accepted £1 from a man who sold a small quantity of wood from his premises and promised not to take proceedings against him.

NEXT WEEK, "THE CALL TO ARMS."

Words by CHRIS DAVIS.

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1. There's a sweet Ir-ish maid, and her name's Kit-ty Bra-dy; All ov-er the coun-try her beau-t'y's won
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3. Then says Kit-ty, "I can't make my mind up, I'll give you my an-swer some day when I'm

fame; She has lov-ers gal-lore, but this proud Ir-ish la-dy Has made up her mind that she won't change her
all; And when Kit-ty's not near him, his eyes start a-blink-ing, And make him shed tears, like a great wa-ter-
gon!" "Ah!" says Th-a-dy, "Mine's made up, tho' there's no-thing in it, Let's go to the church, and we'll both be made

name. There's one suit-or, named Th-a-dy, his oth-er name's Bra-dy, Says, "Dar-ling, I can't sleep with dream-ing of
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